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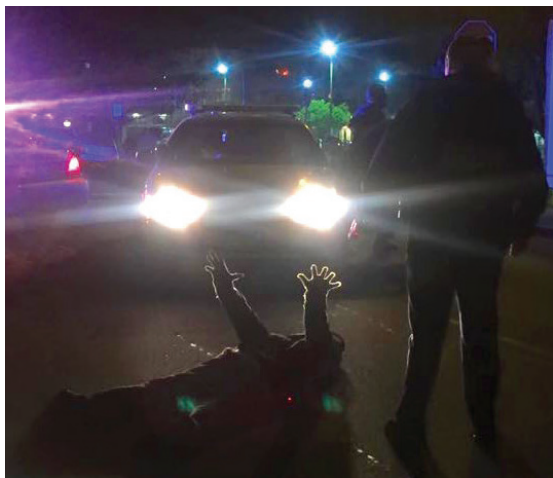
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Happy New Year!



A PEACEFUL PLAZA greeted visitors New Year's Eve, in quiet contrast to the seething hordes of celebrants in years past. McKinley was open for public enjoyment, augmented by a frosty chair which, by morning, had been rent asunder and flung aside. As fireworks burst overhead, musicians gyrated and a few people were arrested, but most folks sweetly kissed off 2015 along a tranquil Tavern Row. **More, page B4.** PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION



Van Kirk, Vinyard pass



Susie Van Kirk



Lucille Vinyard

Had partnered to lead local action for the environment

Kevin L. Hoover
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HUMBOLDT – Two women who made extraordinary contributions to local culture, history and the environment passed away within a day of each other last week. Lucille Vinyard passed away Dec. 30; Susie Van Kirk on Dec. 31.
Van Kirk and Vinyard had, together and separately, trans-

formed Humboldt's landscape for the better in multiple ways. Their sudden loss stunned friends and colleagues across a range of activist causes.

Susie Van Kirk

Always shunning publicity and attention to herself, Susie Van Kirk was an intensely private woman of whom few photographs exist. Still, she was known
SUSIE AND LUCILLE ❖ A4

Shore pines planted despite order to stop

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

MANILA – The planting of native trees as part of a campaign kickoff event has turned into a kerfuffle in the sandy outpost.

Third District supervisor candidate Uri Driscoll notified the Manila Community Services District last summer that he wanted to plant native shore pines in the dunes and received permission to proceed with the project. Driscoll scheduled the tree planting to be part of his campaign kickoff event on Saturday, Jan. 2 at the Manila Dunes.



Uri Driscoll

However, just two days before the event, Driscoll was informed by Manila Chair John Woolley that he would not be allowed to plant the trees unless he received permission from the district's

TREES ❖ A4

New supertank boosts H₂O reserve

Tank 9 could even make hydroelectricity

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SUNNY BRAE – Users of the Arcata Ridge Trail in Sunny Brae have seen a mammoth new feature rise along the winding path over recent months.

Water Tank 9 is the newest and largest addition to Arcata's infrastructure, and it not only increases Arcata's drinking water supply, but increases public safety while reducing energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

The 225,000-gallon steel tank replaces two 25,000-gallon wooden tanks of 1960s vintage. Tank 8 will be dismantled and its lumber reclaimed. The old Tank 9, which is leaking, resides on private property and will be retained by the landowner.

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FOX & FRIENDS Stephanie Johnson, Karen “Fox” Olson, Zack Stern and Shelley Mitchell at Olson’s farewell party Sunday. KLH | UNION

Fox Olson leaves Arcata House in good order

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ARCATA – After 14 years of leadership at Arcata House Partnership (AHP), Karen “Fox” Olson is moving on. She’s also moving from Arcata – to Southern California, where she will care for her parents.

Olson leaves behind an organization vastly more suited to addressing the need for transitional housing in Arcata. AHP provides interim housing

for families and individuals looking to lift themselves out of poverty.

Under her tenure as executive director, AHP doubled its transitional houses, from two to four; established a night shelter; established its “Apartments First” program, expanded into the Annex – the former Arcata Service Center on Ninth Street; launched the CalFresh Outreach truck providing lunches to the hungry, and participated in the Regional Extreme Weather Shelter.

“Our goal has always been to get people in, get ’em stabilized, figure out what went wrong, then move toward housing,” Olson said. “We have a great staff, good social workers, and a great board, too, very committed to the mission.”

Today, Arcata House Partnership assists some 75 to 90 people per year in finding a place to call home.

“I think we brought Arcata House out of the closet,” Olson said.

Humboldt’s cavernous abyss of drugs

Paul Mann
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County’s drug scourge remains stubborn and unyielding, a mirror of the newest red flags hoisted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, the nation’s foremost public health institute.

“Heroin is an epidemic in Humboldt County,” Undersheriff William Honsal said in an interview and subsequent emails. “Both prescription narcotics and heroin purchased on the street are having a devastating impact on our community.

“Black tar heroin [so named for its black-brown or muddy brown color] sells on the street for approximately \$60/gram,” the undersheriff said. “A user doesn’t have to look hard to find someone that can set them up in Eureka. I believe if you go undercover you could purchase a gram of heroin within four hours.”

In just one case in November, the Humboldt County Drug Task Force seized nearly six pounds of heroin and arrested three suspects.

“The sheriff’s office took 27 cases related to heroin last year [2014] and it booked more than 600 grams of suspected heroin into evidence in 2015,” Honsal said. He expects his office to publicize statistics on drug overdoses later this month.

“We have clear data from death certificates about the causes of death,” said Susan Buckley, RN, MPH, the county’s director of public health in the Department of Health and Human Services. “The majority of them are multi-drug toxicities, both opiates and opioids [see table].”

Opiates include heroin, opium, morphine and codeine. Opioids, a broader category, account for synthetic drugs that produce opiate-like, painkilling effects. Among them are Demerol, oxycodone, methadone, Percodan, Percocet and fentanyl.

“Many individuals who use heroin were introduced to opiates via prescription drugs, which are very often an individual’s first introduction to opiates,” Buckley said in an interview late last week.

According to published sources, warnings about Humboldt County’s epidemic of heroin and opiate prescriptions began multiplying in the mid-1990s.

More recently, the 2013 Community Health Assessment issued by the county’s Department of Health and Human Services warned in the strongest terms about the impacts on North Coast society of the drug-crime-poverty-homeless nexus that forms what legal officials call Humboldt’s underworld:

“Substance abuse – alcohol abuse, abuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs and illicit drug abuse – is the most significant risk factor contributing to Humboldt County’s poor overall health outcomes,” the department stated. “The devastating impacts of substance abuse affect the entire community; the damage is not limited to the individual engaging in these behaviors. High rates of drug-related hospitalizations and emergency room visits burden our local health care system with serious yet preventable illness and injury. Substance abuse erodes social cohesion in communities and results in increased rates of felony crimes, diminished economic capacity and opportunity and premature deaths.”

The epidemic has persisted here for so long that it has become a multi-generational and entrenched phenomenon, continually eroding the social fabric and overburdening law enforcement and the judicial system.

Addressing the multiplier effect on felony crimes and the heightened social anxieties that result, Deputy Conflict Counsel Marek I. Reavis says heroin and hard drugs are factors in an alarming 50 percent of his cases.

“It’s at least 50 percent,” he emphasized, “and drugs are a central element in nearly every police report it seems. Because we have chosen to address both substance abuse and homelessness as crimes to be punished, what we have done is set up a pointless merry-go-round of arrests and jail sentences for the same out-of-luck and addicted group of folks who, when released from jail, go back to the exact same circumstances.”

Reavis said the epidemic should be dealt with holistically, with empathy for the disenfranchised and the addicted. “Panhandling on the streets, sleeping in doorways or under bushes in the Marsh isn’t an easy or exciting life. It’s a natural response to that type of chronic stress to seek whatever relief alcohol or drugs can bring. Poverty, homelessness, crime and addiction are a complex dynamic and we have to look for solutions outside the criminal justice system.”

mented, referring to California’s CURES (Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System). It is a database, currently being updated, that allows licensed health care providers to review patient records of their controlled substance prescriptions and helps physicians to curb diversions.

“Prescribing opiates, when necessary, needs to be done with more caution and possibly simultaneously with the

Humboldt County 2010-2014 Unintentional Overdose Deaths by Drug Type

DRUG TYPE	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Multi-drug toxicity	20	28	12	16	18	94
Opiates & opioids	7	4	12	7	6	36
Methamphetamine	5	4	8	4	5	26
Heroin	0	2	0	1	1	4
Other drug	1	0	4	3	1	9
Alcohol	1	1	0	1	3	6
	34	39	36	32	34	175

Definitions:
Alcohol = Acute, fatal alcohol poisoning
Multi-drug toxicity = Any combination of two or more drugs (including alcohol, licit and illicit drugs)
Other drug = Any individual drug not listed here, causing less than one annual fatality
Opiates & opioids = includes morphine, methadone, oxycodone, fentanyl, etc.

DATA PROVIDED BY HUMBOLDT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

As 2015 ended, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention spoke in dire terms. “The United States is in the midst of a prescription painkiller overdose epidemic. Since 1999, the amount of prescription painkillers prescribed and sold in the United States has nearly quadrupled, yet there has not been an overall change in the amount of pain that Americans report. Over-prescribing leads to more abuse and more overdose deaths.”

The agency stated prescription drugs and heroin continue to be the leading cause of unintentional death for Americans, rising 14 percent from 2013 to 2014.

The latest data show that deaths from natural opiates such as morphine, codeine and semi-synthetic prescription pain killers like oxycodone and hydrocodone rose 10 percent from 2013 to 2014. Deaths from heroin overdoses jumped 26 percent.

The biggest increase in fatalities was from synthetic opioids, soaring 80 percent.

Women are far more vulnerable than men, according to federal figures. The number of females who died of opioid pain reliever overdoses shot up 415 percent between 1999 and 2010, compared to 250 percent for men.

Undersheriff Honsal’s intelligence on the easy availability of heroin and prescription narcotics locally is in full keeping with national trends. Nearly 55 percent of prescription drug users get them free from a friend or relative, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The institute says that although the United States has only five percent of the world’s population, it consumes an extraordinary 75 percent of the world’s prescription drugs.

Buckley says Public Health’s current focus is on deterring the over-prescription of painkillers with the relatively new defense of prescription drug monitoring. Her office joined two years ago with the Humboldt County Independent Practice Association to help local doctors track their patients’ prescription histories.

“I’ve had some good results from that,” Buckley com-

offering of an opiate antagonist, such as naran, to assure that there isn’t an inadvertent adverse outcome from the opiate,” Buckley stated. Narcan (naloxone) is an opiate antidote.

Humboldt physicians and pharmacists can log on to CURES to learn if a patient has, for example, just been to the emergency room and received a prescription for opioids, Buckley explained. Or a doctor who may have forgotten writing a prescription just a few weeks ago can check on frequency.

Buckley called CURES “a safety opportunity for a physician not to over-prescribe. Our [county] prescription rates have been going down; this is the good news. Changing prescriber practices is an important focus for us.”

Yet the intractable drug plague goes on mutating. Another hardening fad is the consumption of synthetic marijuana, “usually among kids and young adults,” Undersheriff Honsal said.

The synthetics consist of plant material laced with mind-altering designer chemicals, which are formulated in constantly changing mixtures that are hard to detect and analyze, but marketed as a safe smoking alternative to marijuana. In fact, the synthetics can cause hallucinations, seizures and psychosis. Potentially they are life threatening and users, many of them young and naïve, do not know what is in them.

Faux marijuana is sold in bright, colorful packets with cool street names to lure the youth set. “They have the synthetics at local head shops and I have heard of K2 and Spice being the popular synthetics” here, Honsal said.

There are literally hundreds of other catchy tags for parents to watch out for – Armageddon, Black Mamba, California Dreams, King Cobra, Mango Kush, Scooby Snax, Sexy Monkey, Skull Killa and Twilight. Nationally they are marketed at the convenience stores and mini-marts favored by teens hunting for affordable highs.

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Trees | Had district permission to plant shore pines, then suddenly didn't

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Board of Directors.

Woolley told the *Union* on Thursday that the district is responsible for the dunes and must give approval of the tree planting before it takes place. The board must see a plan showing where the trees will be planted and must consider maintenance, liability and other issues, Woolley said. “He [Driscoll] can get it on the January agenda,” Woolley said. The Manila district Board of Directors meets on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr.

Despite the warning, Driscoll went ahead with the tree planting on Saturday. Rather than planting all hundred trees, Driscoll said he set half of them aside “in the spirit of compromise.” Those trees will be planted sometime in the future, and the board is welcome to give input, Driscoll said.

The Manila board was notified of the tree planting proposal in a General Manager’s Report it received in its board packet for the June 18, 2015 meeting.

Manager Chris Drop informed the board that Driscoll wanted to plant 100 to 300

native trees. “Staff would like to know if any board member would upgrade this item to an action item at a future board meeting,” Drop wrote in the report, which was unanimously approved by the directors. No board members asked that the item be agendaized.

As Driscoll wasn’t planning to use any heavy equipment, Drop gave him the thumbs up to proceed with the tree planting.

Contacted by the *Union* Thursday, Drop was apologetic and took blame for the situation. He noted that the June 18 meeting, during which his manager’s report was approved, included some weighty issues, including deciding the future of the Manila Family Resource Center. Drop said he gave Driscoll permission to plant the trees and didn’t know this would be an issue until late last week.

Despite the flap over permission, Driscoll said Saturday’s event was a success. About 60 people showed up and enthusiastically planted the trees. Before they planted the trees, Driscoll informed them of the controversy. “This is something that really resonates



PINING FOR PINES Uri Driscoll, center in cowboy hat, and volunteers gathered in Manila Saturday and planted native shore pine saplings. After planting, volunteers feasted on Wild Dutch Oven Dick's famous chili-killin' chili and quaffed mulled cider.

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with people,” Driscoll said. The saplings, grown from seeds harvested from the Samoa Peninsula, were planted along the main trail to the beach and on spur trails west of the Manila Community Center.

Driscoll said he envisioned the tree planting as a non-controversial activity that would improve the area and bring everyone together. “It’s a bridge-building thing,” Driscoll said.

Driscoll has been a vocal critic of efforts to remove European beach grass from the dunes and claims that doing so destabilizes the area and destroys wetlands.

But the planting of native shore pines, he said, is something that he thought ev-

everyone could agree with.

Driscoll is one of three candidates to throw his hat into the ring for the Third District seat, now held by Mark Lovelace, who decided not to run for re-election. In the June primary, Driscoll will face challengers Mark Wilson, who is the Third Division representative on the Humboldt Bay Harbor Recreation and Conservation District, and Mark Wheatley, an Arcata City councilmember.

Whoever gets more than 50 percent of the votes wins the race.

If no one gets more than 50 percent, then the top two vote-getters will face off in November.

Susie and Lucille | Committed, influential

❖ FROM A1

to open her home to homeless individuals, taking personal responsibility for sheltering those with no other options in life.

“Susie had a very straightforward way of approaching the homeless issue and didn’t want shelter funding diverted for organizational purposes,” recalled friend Becky Price-Hall.

She remembered Van Kirk plainly stating her interests: “My wants are simple: feed and shelter folks,” she said. “That’s it. That’s all. I have no other agenda than sheltering, feeding and caring about people who mostly live without [shelter] and [care].”

Toward that end, she served in multiple ways. A partial list:

- Volunteered for the Emergency Shelters in Eureka for six years in 1990s;
- Helped establish the Arcata Night Shelter, which opened in December 2002;
- Was a founding member of the Humboldt All Faith Partnership incorporated as 501(c)(3) in 2003 through 2009 or 2010;
- Volunteered with the Thanksgiving Community Meal at the Arcata Veterans’ Hall for many years;
- Volunteered for the Extreme Weather shelters in Arcata beginning in 2006;
- Volunteered with the Homeless Court in Arcata.

Van Kirk’s contributions didn’t stop there. She was Arcata’s de facto town historian, whose research into local history not only enabled historic preservation efforts, but provided background on numerous sites and institutions in Arcata

when developments were under consideration. She was frequently found peering into the microfiche screens in the Humboldt State Library’s periodical archives, researching some matter for a project, or for personal interest.

“She was the number one historic researcher in Humboldt County,” said friend Alex Stillman. “She was dedicated to preserving the natural environment and our local history. She did the first survey of Arcata’s built environment and has been held in high esteem throughout her life.”

Beyond all that, the diminutive Van Kirk, often seen walking in her blue windbreaker down Bay-side Road to her home on Buttermilk Lane, was also a giant in the environmental community.

Moving to Arcata in 1969, she abandoned her graduate work in biology for direct action on behalf of nature. She became involved with making freeway construction through Arcata more environmentally sensitive and less disruptive, then became active with the Sierra Club and Audubon Society. Her research skills were honed in scrutinizing environmental documents filed by the timber industry and U.S. Forest Service.

When the environmental justification for a project was lacking, Van Kirk was ready to file appeals and even participate in litigation.

“I have a real low tolerance for things that I think are unjust and unfair,” she is quoted as saying in a book titled *The Environmental Crusaders*, by Penina Migdal Glazer and Myron Peret Glazer (Pennsylvania State University

Press, 1998). “And when I see what goes on, I know it’s just not unfair, it’s wrong, and I feel I have to make the effort, even if I fail. Somebody has to speak for the resources and the trees, and often I am the only person there to do it.”

For her efforts, Van Kirk is remembered as a colleague of environmental titan Tim McKay, with whom she had joined forces on environmental lobbying.

“Susie Van Kirk, like Tim McKay, was moved by a strong sense of justice and a need to do something to improve an intolerable situation, wrote the authors in *The Environmental Crusaders*. “Van Kirk and McKay have no illusions about saving the world, nor do they assume a holier-than-thou position ... They believe profoundly that they are part of a larger society where social relations and political commitments matter.”

Lucille Vinyard

Lucille Vinyard’s environmental legacy runs deep in the North Coast, but one of her shared accomplishments is plainly visible – the preservation of half of all remaining old growth redwoods.

In 1963, at a conference of the Wilderness Society, Vinyard learned that Stewart Udall, the then-Secretary of the Interior, was considering creation of a national park on California’s North Coast.

“The alert went out to the timber industry, and all hell broke loose from then on,” Vinyard later reminisced.

The timber industry and environmentalists then entered into a pitched battle on multiple fronts to allow logging in what would

later become Redwood National Park, or to preserve the trees for future generations.

Vinyard responded by starting a new chapter of the Sierra Club in Arcata. Word spread through the college community. Dr. Rudolf Becking, Dr. George Allen, Dr. Ed Steele, Dr. Robert White and many other Humboldt State professors founded the Citizens for Redwood National Park (CRNP) in 1965, and started fundraising.

Vinyard organized outings to the area as well as publicity, personally photographing its verdant expanses to raise awareness. She took this message to the public on all available venues.

“I had the time, the energy, and the passion,” she said.

Her efforts weren’t appreciated by the timber industry. Vinyard’s license plate number was publicized, and massive logging rigs tailgated her car.

“Those great big trucks would come up close and rev their motors up and almost ride my bumper,” she said.

Her efforts, some in partnership with Van Kirk, were rewarded when Congress created Redwood National Park in 1968. Ten years later, President Jimmy Carter added an additional 48,000 acres to the park.

For this, many considered Vinyard “the mother of Redwood National Park.”

She went on to start the North Group chapter of the Sierra Club and co-found the Northcoast Environmental Center (NEC), among several other environmental organizations. Her efforts on many eco-projects won her national recognition.

“She was a brave pioneer

woman,” said Dan Sealy, another founding member of the Northcoast Environmental Center. “She believed very strongly that protection of our beautiful North Coast was more important than her safety and comfort.”

Sealy said her contributions are almost without peer. “To me, she is the John Muir of Humboldt County,” he said.

Said Sealy in a message to friends, “I cannot tell you how sad I am at her loss. It is very difficult to imagine this world without her and her spirit and readiness to go out and save these beautiful places. When I visited Lucille this summer and she knew she was going to have a rough time, she told me directly, with no question on my part: ‘Dan, I’m not afraid to die. I have had a wonderful life and have seen beautiful places.’”

The North Group Sierra Club founded the Lucille Vinyard and Susie Van Kirk Environmental Education Fund, which sends children to environmental camp each summer.

In recent months, Van Kirk was often at Vinyard’s bedside, comforting and reading to her.

Vinyard’s funeral arrangements are pending.

Van Kirk asked that no memorial service or obituary be created. Her ashes will be buried next to those of her parents in a family plot in the Rogers, Ark. cemetery, per her wishes.

Former NEC staffer Connie Stewart worked closely Van Kirk and Vinyard. “If there’s a heaven, Susie’s already researching its historic places and Lucille is redesigning the campgrounds in its ancient forests,” Stewart said.

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Many hands made big contributions to Arcata's open spaces in 2015

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – In 2015, 646 volunteers rolled up their sleeves to help take care of Arcata's open spaces and “green infrastructure.” The volunteers, community group members as well as individual residents, took part in 27 volunteer workdays organized by the City of Arcata’s Environmental Services Department.

Volunteers worked 2,463 hours to build sections of the Arcata Ridge Trail that now run through the Sunny Brae Tract of the Arcata Community Forest; pull out trash, invasive ivy, spartina and reed canary grass in the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, Jolly Giant and Janes Creeks, and plant native trees and shrubs to restore Beith Creek.

The City of Arcata sends out a hearty thank you to all its volunteers and to the



CREEK COLLABORATORS Volunteers from the HSU Natural Resources Club after cleaning up Janes Creek on Valentine's Day morning.

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following workday community group partners for their enthusiastic commitment to enhancing Arcata’s open spaces: The Humboldt Trails Council’s Volunteer Trail Stewards, Humboldt State University’s Natural Resources Club, Humboldt Fish Action Council, Friends of the Arcata Marsh, the California Conservation Corps, AmeriCorps, Redwood Community Action Agency, Arcata Cub Pack 95 and the U.S. Marine Corps.

The Environmental Services Department and their community partners will host more volunteer work days in 2016. For more information on how to help take care of Arcata’s open spaces, call (707) 825-2163 and look for a list of 2016 volunteer workdays at CityofArcata.org.



TRACT TOILERS Volunteers build a section of the Arcata Ridge Trail in the Sunny Brae Tract of the Arcata Community Forest in September.

MAUREEN MCGARRY | VOLUNTEER CENTER OF THE REDWOODS/RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

OPINION

Time to come down from the hill and groundtruth Arcata’s downtown

In an interview in the *Union’s* Dec. 30 edition, Humboldt State University President Lisa Rossbacher emphasized, as did her long-time predecessor Rollin Richmond, the importance of strong campus partnerships with the local community.

Rossbacher noted, “If students aren’t feeling welcome in stores and restaurants and they spend all their time on campus, that’s not helping their growth and their movement toward success in their academic and professional careers.”

She was speaking of Humboldt State’s minority students and the chronic racism they encounter, but of course the welcome mat should be out for all students, who confront a bad social climate on Arcata Plaza.

In the interview, Rossbacher dismissed as “an urban legend” the reports of parents who decide not to enroll their youngsters at Humboldt State because of the abuse, harassment and other anti-social behavior that blights downtown.

❖ EDITORIAL

Her word “legend” suggests a fiction in some distant past. That is mistaken; the problem is real and current.

Last October, the *Union* received this text message from an irate Nevada parent and hotel guest, sent shortly after midnight. We published it in full at the time and here it is again, with our emphasis in italics:

Good lord. We’re on the third floor of the [Hotel Arcata] on a Thursday night. Are there zero police officers in your town? Screaming, loud music, open drinking, drugs and pissing, tremendously brazen and aggressive men by the dozens.

Again, do you have police officers? You folk act like this is rocket science. You don’t need a whiteboard, you need a police department. *My daughter has decided not to attend college here as a result of a walk on the Plaza this evening.*

You all should be ashamed. Did I ask if the town has police officers, cuz through this mess, we saw no evidence. You’ve been abandoned.

Signed, **Shawn Garvey**
Nevada City

That is anecdotal evidence of course, and President Rossbacher rightly points to the fact that Humboldt State is enjoying record enrollment, even though it is losing at least some prospective students to the foul roistering on the Plaza.

But by themselves, the enrollment numbers neglect the negative social atmosphere and sick role models that students deal with during their four-to-six year stays here. The awful drug and alcohol consumption downtown is the last example impressionable college students should have, prone as they are to the binge drinking and drug abuse so widespread in middle schools and high schools.

Arcata businesswomen and

members of the three-month-old Community PRIDE Project (CPP) would, to say the least, be very surprised to hear that the disgusting behavior on the Plaza is “a legend” (*Union*, Dec. 22, 2015).

The CPP is a commendable grassroots drive to deal with downtown’s bums, safety risks and human filth. One of the serious consequences of the Plaza’s climate, which confronts women of all ages, is the persistent sexual harassment which the *Union* reported on in a three-part series last spring (*April 30, 2015*).

Leading businesswomen told us of the out-of-the-way routes they are forced to take to avoid clumps of loudmouthed, indecent males in doorways and alleys. The near-identical complaints were chronicled on the front page:

“There’s a general feeling of entitlement to women’s bodies,” said downtown businesswoman Kassie Carpenter. “It’s a general lack of respect for boundaries and personal space.”

“They grasp at straws for a way

to talk to you,” said Sarah LeGar, an employee at Northtown Books. “They’ll say, ‘Smile, sister,’ or ‘You look beautiful’.”

“Your body sovereignty is taken away,” said Alexia Siebuhr, sexual assault and domestic violence prevention educator at Humboldt State’s Women’s Resource Center. “There’s a sense of entitlement to another person’s body.”

The *Union* respectfully encourages President Rossbacher to make a New Year’s resolution to become an active member of the Community PRIDE Project and to meet one-on-one with downtown businesswomen who can inform her about what female students face when they shop or dine on the Plaza.

We also recommend that the president spend a few late evenings with night duty Arcata Police officers to see for herself what commonly occurs on our town square – and what her students are exposed to.

The ugly reality is no urban legend.

Overcoming the underworld

THANK YOU, Paul Mann, for such an intelligent and well-balanced article (*Humboldt’s Underworld*, *Union*, Dec. 30) discussing the reasons for a high homicide and suicide rate in Humboldt County or, anywhere for that matter.

There is much to be said for the adage, “It takes a community to raise a child” ... we are all responsible when we ignore the social milieu created by poverty, violence and neglect (political decisions, not exempt, but that’s a whole other discussion).

Perhaps some follow-up articles on ways very busy people can make a difference and how these activities can be integrated into their day-to-day lives would be helpful.

It takes leadership and thoughtful planning to make things happen and Humboldt County has the brain power and skills to move forward with a plan of action to make a change. Are you up for that, Paul?

Rita Carole
Arcata

Beat meat in 2016

Once again, it’s time for New Year’s resolutions, particularly those to improve our diet and exercise routine.

Although gun violence and traffic accidents remain the leading causes of death

❖ LETTERS

among young people, the most dangerous weapon for the rest of us is still our fork. Well over a million of us are killed each year by high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer and other chronic diseases linked to our meat-based diet.

But times are changing. According to Gallup, 22 percent of American consumers are avoiding meat and 12 percent are avoiding dairy products.

Supermarket chains, along with Target and Wal-Mart, offer a growing selection of delicious and healthy plant-based meats and dairy products. Animal meat consumption has dropped by eight percent in the past decade.

Hundreds of school, college, hospital and corporate cafeterias have embraced Meatless Monday and vegan meals.

Fast-food chains like Chipotle, Panera, Subway, Taco Bell and White Castle are rolling out vegan options.

Let’s make this New Year’s resolution about exploring the rich variety of plant-based entrées, lunch meats, cheeses, ice creams and milks, as well as the more traditional green and yellow veggies. The Internet offers tons of recipes and transition tips.

Ernie Steele
Eureka

McKmonumental decisions

As per your editorial, yes, let’s have that conversation about the McKinley statue. Katherine Stokes Morehouse claims that the McKinley statue makes Arcata distinctive. Without it, Arcata would be relegated to the “sameness of other rural small towns.” (*Letters*, Dec. 16, 2015). I beg to differ.

Just look around this country and you’ll see numerous statues, busts and portraits dedicated to dead white males – of dead white presidents in particular. They litter the landscape in cities large and small all across this nation. Walk into the HSU library, and you’ll be confronted by the portraits of past presidents in the lobby – all white and nearly all male. San Jose has its own McKinley statue. What’s so distinctive about that?

No doubt, the McKinley statue has historical value and significance. So does the Confederate flag. And those flags are coming down, as should Arcata’s McKinley statue.

I’ll spare you the history lesson concerning McKinley’s tenure (Spanish-American War, imperialist expansion, etc.). I trust you know it. The only real good argument for keeping the statue concerns Arcata’s unique history.

In this regard, Stokes Morehouse talks about the role of George Zehndner in bring-

ing the statue to Arcata. Zehndner was 80 years old at the time. He must have been about 35 years old when the Indian Island massacre took place, when the last Wiyot woman was slaughtered and the rest of the tribe driven out of Arcata. What was his role in this, if any? Did he speak out or participate, or was he silent? Maybe we should find out.

So yes, let’s have this discussion this history. All of it, not just the selective memory of it – a memory that elevates white males, while all but effacing indigenous history. You know, the history that of Arcata that dares not speak its name. It’s a history of massacres, unspeakable brutality and genocide. Where’s the monument to that?

When you speak of history, whose history? Why have we never thought to honor a member of the Wiyot tribe? After all, we are living on Wiyot land. The Wiyots inhabited this space for eons before the whites showed up, along with other indigenous tribes. And certainly have a greater historical claim to the land.

Why not work together with the Wiyot tribe to come up with a statue or memorial to honor their history, their elders? Now that is something would make Arcata truly distinct among cities. It would not entirely make up for the shame, but it would go some way towards reconciliation and healing.

Lisa Pelletier
Arcata

While Randy never got to complete his Y2K preparations, we now know he had it right

Being a newspaper columnist, people are always asking me to write about different issues that they’re concerned about, hoping that I can make a difference through my columns.

Some of the things I have been asked to write about are county transportation for seniors, politics and next year’s elections, city government, logging, marijuana and the Y2K bug.

I would like to express my views on lots of issues, but I don’t want to get anyone upset with me. But I do want to get one issue off my chest and that’s about Y2K.

That has to be the most hyped-up con job America has ever encountered. Granted, there might be a few minor problems, but to go out and build a bunker or new basement like some people are doing is ridiculous.

Then there are people storing months worth of food, others are taking out large sums of money from their banks, people are buying generators, and going to Y2K meetings which are everywhere, and the list goes on.

One thing good about all of these Y2K meetings is that it’s making people more prepared for a natural disaster which could occur at any time, anywhere and that’s great.

I feel that is the most important thing that has happened from all the



hype over the Y2K bug.

My customers are always asking me if I’m prepared if and when the Y2K bug arrives.

So here’s my plan. The Saturday before New Year’s Eve, I’m going to Costco with my wife, Dannette, and buy our usual \$200 or \$300 worth of groceries.

Monday through Friday, which will be the last week of 1999, I’m going to get up every morning and have breakfast with my family, then kiss them all goodbye and go to

work.

When I get home from work that Friday night which is New Year’s Eve (the night of the Y2K bug’s arrival) I’m going to take a shower.

After my wife’s ready, we’re going to take ours sons to the babysitter. Then we’re going out and have a romantic dinner. After dinner we’re going dancing with friends.

At midnight, if the world hasn’t exploded yet, I’m going to kiss my wife and wish her and my friends a Happy New Year. Then we’ll dance until closing time and go home.

When we get home I’m going to grab a bottle of wine and a couple of wine glasses. My wife will light some candles and turn on some country music.

After a couple of glasses of wine, we’ll make love and fall asleep in each other’s arms.

When we wake up in the morning it will be just another normal day.

Happy Tales and Trails everyone!

Randy Collenberg, the West Coast Cabbie, was a weekly columnist for the Arcata Eye and McKinleyville Press. This column originally appeared in those newspapers’ Oct. 5 1999 editions. Sadly, Randy, 47, and Danette, 31, never enjoyed that New Year’s Eve dinner. Both were killed in a vehicle accident the following month, on Nov. 26, 1999.

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MANILA PIPE & PUMP PROBLEMS A utility crew in the sandy outpost was hit by a triple whammy of trouble Wednesday, Dec. 30 when two separate water mains and a sewer pump broke. Manila Community Services District Manager Chris Drop said that at about 8:30 a.m. a major leak was discovered in a water main on Shell Drive, located north of the Manila Community Center on Peninsula Drive. A few blocks up the road on Raineri Drive, a crew member was working on a residential sewer pump that had failed. Work on the sewer pump was delayed as the Shell Drive leak was repaired.

The water to the neighborhood had to be turned off several times, interrupting service to about a dozen homes. As work was taking place on Shell Drive, another water main broke on the other side of State Route 255 near Dean and Victor streets. Both water mains and the sewer pump were repaired by the afternoon. The pipe and pump failures were unrelated.

In other news, the backup generator that broke down and nearly created a disaster Dec. 10 at the sewer lift station has been fully repaired.

Tank 9 | Increases capacity

❖ **FROM A1**

steel, it is now undergoing internal coating. When weather allows, it will be sandblasted free of rust and painted. It cost \$450,192.

Even Tank 9's quarter-million gallon or so capacity is dwarfed by the other present and planned million-gallon tanks in the city's inventory. Still, it's capacious enough to help shoulder some of the load presently provided by smaller tanks in the area.

The old tanks being replaced might still have been viable had they not been lined with rubber. Allowing the wood to dry out left it susceptible to air rot. "It

was a mistake," said Mark Andre, environmental services director. "That hastened their decline."

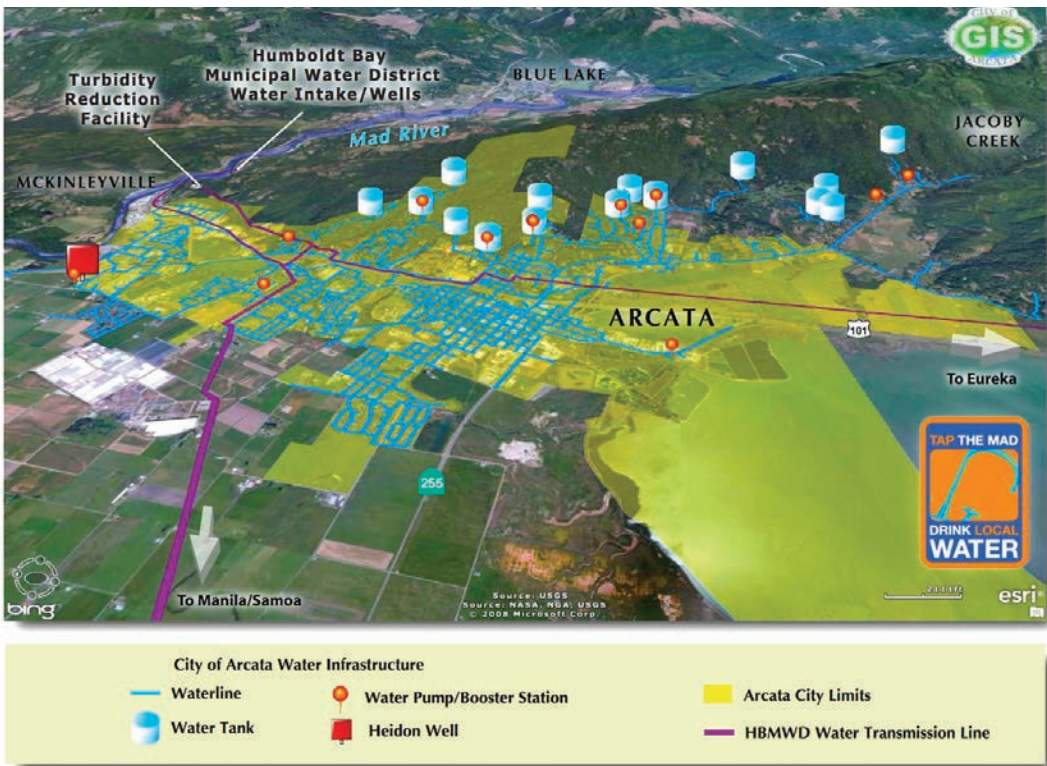
But the wooden tanks weren't really up to the task anyway, in term of capacity. Serving ever-growing Arcata's potable water needs and fire suppression requirements requires the available water supply.

Arcata's 16 water tanks – 12 in Arcata and four in Jacoby Creek, which Arcata serves – held 7,330,000 gallons as of noon Thursday, according to Erik Lust, wastewater superintendent.

About 1.5 million gallons of water are consumed per day, depending on the



NOT WHAT IT APPEARS As Tank 9's foundation was being laid, it looked a little like the city was installing a traffic circle along the Arcata Ridge Trail, or maybe even another beloved bicycle hub. KLH | UNION



WATER WORKS Arcata's water storage tanks. CITY OF ARCATA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES GRAPHIC

time of year. Extraordinary events, such as a structure fire, can require use of as much as 3,000 gallons per minute, or 180,000 gallons in just an hour, according to Arcata Fire Chief Desmond Cowan.

When the 2001 fire that consumed several buildings along Ninth Street used up 1 million gallons in one night, it briefly left the city without any reserve to deal with any similar event that might have cropped up.

That was a wake-up call, and increasing water capacity has been among the city's capital improvement

projects. "We're always looking for more emergency storage," Andre said.

And the happy Tank 9 news gets even better. Instead of having to be continually refilled during the day, its large capacity allows it to be filled for the day's demand during night's off-peak hours, when electricity rates are reduced. That will save several thousand dollars in electricity costs yearly, and help meet the city's greenhouse gas reduction goals.

On top of that, the tank could get hydroelectric accessories to harvest the

pent-up energy in the water. Lust said that as part of a post-installation hydrological analysis of the tank's performance, the city will consider whether two-way electric pumps might be installed. These could allow water from the tank to generate electricity as it flows downhill to users.

While the electricity generated wouldn't be as much as that required to pump the water uphill to the tank, the water does represent stored energy that could be harvested.

"It is something worth analyzing," Lust said.

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ARCATA – One robin may not make a spring, but taking a turn about town at Arts! Arcata can sure make the winter more bearable this Friday, Jan. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. Visit the following venues for art, music and frivolity.

Arcata Artisans 883 H St. – “Best of Show,” with paintings by Joyce Jonté and Dana Ballard, prints by Libby George and Patricia Sennott, photography by Jim Lowry and metalwork by Betsy Roberts.

Arcata Exchange 813 H St. – Photographs by Tony Gonzalves and music by Lizzy Moonbeam; wine pour benefits the Companion Animal Foundation.

Bubbles 1031 H St. – Music by local singer-songwriter Claire Hashem.

Gallery Métier 1034 H St. – “Humboldt Humans, Part 2,” photographs by Bob Doran, plus Forget Me Not Photo Booth and live music.

Moonrise Herbs 826 G St. – “Landscapes, Local & Beyond,” photography by Meg Graham and music by Kyle from ARhythmicKick Production.

Plaza 808 G St. – “North Coast Shorescapes, Glaciers and Lovely Bugs,” mixed media and oil monotypes by Claire Iris Schencke; wine pour benefits Devon’s Vision (an Ink People Project).

Plaza View Room Jacoby’s Storehouse, 791 Eighth St. – “Metaphorical Portraits,” works by Arcata Arts Institute students, including inked illustration and mixed media portraits on layers of foam core.

The Sanctuary 1301 J St. – Vibrantly colored paintings by Marisa Kieselhorst and Sierra Martin.

Stokes, Hamer, Kaufman and Kirk, LLP 381 Bay-side Rd. – Oil and watercolor paintings by Jan Hollander, Cynthia Noble and Karen Frazee and music by Howdy Emerson; wine pour benefits the American Cancer Society—Relay for Life Team #169.

Upstairs Gallery at Umpqua Bank 1063 G St. – “Season of Light,” works by Gina Tuzzi, Sarah Lesher, Nicole Kita, Jesse Wiedel, Thrn Brooks, Brent Eviston, Libby George, Patricia Sennott, John King, Regina Case, Jim McVicker, Terry Oates, D’mise, Natalie Craig, Phyllis Barba, Jeff Cross, Rachel Schlueter, Stock Schlueter, Blake Reagan, Sonny Wong, Shawn Griggs, Andrei Hedstrom, Guy Joy, David White, Amy Granfield, Lita Penkova, David Safire, Marceau Verd-iere, Ana, Amezcua and Georgia Long.

For more complete listings, including late additions, visit arcatamainstreet.com/arts-arcata or [facebook.com/artsarcata](https://www.facebook.com/artsarcata).

International clowns spend ‘A Day in the Desert’

Janine Volkmar

MAD RIVER UNION

CREAMERY DISTRICT – Barbara Draeger is from Germany. Jénine Collocott is from South Africa. They met while studying theatre creation in Florence, Italy.

And there, they met local-boy-turned-international-traveling-theatre-guy Casey James Mulderig.

It’s a small world these days and the clowns are taking it over. In a good way, in this case.

Mulderig is producing *A Day in the Desert*, a theatre piece starring Draeger and Collocott, this week.

It’s the story of two women: Fiona, an upright, unadventurous citizen who is afraid to set foot beyond her front door, and Andromeda, her extroverted, unafraid friend. Andromeda convinces Fiona to join her on an adventure and in no time they are up in an airplane, headed for the Kalahari Desert.

It’s a story “told with an inventive playfulness ... that explore(s) serious issues with disarming naiveté and artistic generosity,” according to the trio’s press release.

A Day in the Desert had its premiere at the Grahamstown National Arts Festival in South Africa and won the Encore Ovation award for theatre excellence in 2013.

Collocott has written for the children’s TV program, *Takalani Sesame*, a South African version of *Sesame Street*. “Takalani” means “rejoice or celebrate” in Venda, “the smallest of our official languages,” according to Collocott.

She has written, directed, and produced a number of professional productions and presented work on three continents. This is her first trip to California.

“I’m very excited to see what people think of our show,” Collocott said. She made it clear that she and Draeger may dress as clowns but “we are not clowns that do tricks. We are clowns in an environment.”

Draeger was born in Munich and is a multi-disciplinary harpist and theatre maker, active in opera, puppet theatre and storytelling. She has studied music and theatre in Stuttgart, Paris and Florence.

“I was a traveling surfer before I found theatre arts,” Mulderig said in an interview. He is the son of JoAnne and Mike Mulderig and was born and raised in Arcata. He and Draeger now divide their time be-

tween Alsace, France and Munich when they are not traveling.

All three studied with “master pedagogue” Giovanni Fusetti in Florence. Another local connections, as Fusetti has been a guest instructor at Dell’Arte in Blue Lake.

The poster for *The Day in the Desert* features naïve artwork reminiscent of the authors’ sketches in *The Little Prince*, the classic book by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. The storyline seems somewhat similar too, with the airplane motif and the theme of being lost in the desert.

Mulderig agreed. “When the show was first done in Italy, that’s what our teacher said.”

Collocott and Draeger plan to share “a story of magical realism that takes you from the confines of the inner city to the freedom of outer space and back.”

A Day in the Desert will be performed for the fourth through sixth graders at Trinidad School and for the public at the Trinidad School auditorium today, Jan. 6 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is a suggested donation of \$12 to \$18.

Further performances take place at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., on Friday, Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. and two performances on Saturday, Jan. 9, at 4 and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20/\$15 for Playhouse members/\$10 for ages 12 and under. arcataplayhouse.org

CLOWNS IN AN ENVIRONMENT

Jénine Collocott and Barbara Draeger go on an adventure in the Kalahari in *A Day in the Desert*. SUBMITTED PHOTO



LAUGH IN FLOWERS

Those hardworking volunteers at the Trinidad Museum Native Plant Garden have hand collected four varieties of flower seeds to sell at the museum. For only \$3 a packet, you can buy seeds of Red Columbine right, Douglas Iris, above left, California Orange Poppy, above right, and California Yellow Poppy. The garden is coming back to life with the rainfall: the pond is full, mushrooms abound, and new plantings will have a chance to get established before the dry season. Volunteer gardeners include Jill Mefford, Virginia Waters, Ingrid Bailey, Laraine Cook, Maisa and Carl Kalb and Claire Perricelli. Waters is also the museum’s mycologist. Mushroom enthusiasts can look for tiny bird’s nest fungus (*Cyathus olla*) in the granite garden path, yellow parasols (*Leucocoprinus luteus*) in the grassy area and red-orange caps of *Hypholoma aurantiaca* in the wood chips. Stop by the museum to buy seeds; winter hours are Thursday through Sunday from 12:30 until 4 p.m. Of course, the garden can be enjoyed anytime. The museum is located at 400 Janis Court, behind the Chevron station in Trinidad. trinidadmuseum.org

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Perhaps something less temperaneous can assuage your Glutton's Suffering

The holidays are such an orgy, it's like living in Roman times minus the bonus vomitorium. Here is what we had to eat over Christmas. Partial list only, mind you. Roast lamb. Pistachio soup. Blini. Lox from Michigan. Key Lime Cheesecake. Fudge. Russian teacakes. Squash broiled in butter with cloves. Persimmon steamed pudding. Four different kinds of artisanal cheese. Pomegranate gelato. Beer (not me). Pies. Orange toffee. All homemade. Basically, take everything from the larder, wrap it in butter, perform voodoo ritual, and put in mouth.

As you can imagine, this week I am afflicted with Glutton's Suffering – guilt about my insanely luxurious table and illness at consuming an entire refugee ship's worth of calories. I went to the gym yesterday but I still feel like I should be atoning with floggings, bitter greens and boiled meal. Actually, scratch that, I love meal. Gruel. Thin, thin gruel.

As I write, New Year's Eve is still not upon us, although it will have come and passed by the time this reaches print. Hopefully I won't be in jail, although it's good for the waistline. I've been considering not doing anything at all this New Year's Eve except cooking, which always makes me feel sane, but due to aforementioned suffering I am thinking of doing something less temporary than a mere meal, and making something that takes time and consideration that doesn't require immediate consumption. To wit, jam.

My absolute favorite newspaper story from my editor concerns a logger, back in the '90s, who, when queried about future plans told Jack he envisioned a career change involving the production of "jams and jellies." My fervent hope is that somewhere in Scotia a happy ex-Pacific Lumber employee is ensconced in a steamy kitchen with an apron, busily and profitably employed in the heady world of jam and jelly manufacture.

In summer, I usually go on a bender with tomatoes from New Moon Organics, making my deservedly popular Queen Doubles tomato chutney, but this time of year when tomatoes

are totally revolting, I think I'll make use of a great seasonal local fruit and go persimmon. My little brother, who is basically a burly hairy hobbit, has some secret harvest spot and showed up over Xmas with, like, three bushels of crazy good ripe persimmons, which I've been eating in giant neon orange quantities.

Another awesome seasonal fruit is pomegranate. My mom, who I worry has too much free time, made a big batch of Lebanese pomegranate molasses, but I am super lazy and the idea of seeding 30 pomegranates while sober just sounds like hell. Persimmons, on the other hand, are totally conquerable. They have no seeds and virtually zero defenses. Even an arthritic can macerate to their heart's content.

Persimmon Butter

Yield: about 1 quart, so either eat in a few week's time or can. Just treat it like any fruit butter and have it on toast, oatmeal, yogurt or alongside cheese.

Ingredients
2 pounds (about 6) ripe Fuyu persimmons
1/4 cup apple juice
1/4 cup brown sugar (optional)
1 cinnamon stick
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

Peel and hull the persimmons. Cut them into 1/4-inch thick wedges.

In a medium saucepan over medium-low heat, cook the persimmons with the rest of the ingredients until the persimmons are tender, about 30 minutes. Stir occasionally to make sure the bottom doesn't burn. Watch carefully as sweet stuff like this does tend to stick.

Pour everything into a blender or food processor. Blend until smooth. Eat within two weeks or can. Look up how to can if you don't know, or read the rough directions at right.

Pickled Fuyu Persimmons

This recipe is from Community Action Marin Foodworks. Pickling things is very forgiving. If you don't like ginger, use fennel seeds and/or cardamom and/or garlic cloves and/or peppercorns.

Ingredients
5 crisp Fuyu persimmons
1 cup cider vinegar (5 percent acidity)
1/4 cup rice vinegar
2/3 cup sugar
1 tablespoon fresh ginger, finely chopped
1/2 teaspoon red chili flakes
1 generous pinch saffron
1 tablespoon kosher salt

Wash the persimmons, cut off the stem ends and peel them. Slice them into wedges about 1/3-inch wide, paring away any bits of tough core as you go, if there are any. You can just follow the star pattern of the fruit and get four wedges.

Prepare the brine by combining the remaining ingredients in a medium saucepan and bringing the mixture to a simmer, stirring gently to dissolve the sugar and salt.

Jar and process your pickles as you prefer. The original recipe calls for canning them by packing the fruit into four clean, hot half-pint mason jars and covering the fruit with the hot brine. Leave 1/4-inch headspace and process for 10 minutes in a hot water-bath canner, i.e. a giant pot of simmering water. I am very slothful and usually choose not to water-bath process my pickles. It's not a very big batch, so I pack them into one large, clean jar, cover them with the brine, let them cool, and put them in the fridge. They keep for about a month.

SCI FI PINT AND PIZZA NIGHT See *This is Not a Test* (1962) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, Jan. 6** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. In this film, a policeman has just set up a roadblock in hopes of catching a killer when a vanload of people drive up. Just then the radio announces that a nuclear bomb is about to fall. The people in the van will not allow the poor trooper inside. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

WORLD DANCE PARTY The Humboldt Folk Dancers invite the public to a live music World Dance Party **Friday, Jan. 8** from 7:45 to 11 p.m. at the Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., in Arcata's Creamery District. The event features an easy dance lesson and an evening of world music played by international band Chubritza and guest musicians. All ages and dance levels are welcome. (707) 496-6734, humboldtfolkdancers.org

WINTER GOT YOU DOWN? Curl up with a good book! The Friends of the McKinleyville Library holds a "Cabin Fever Book Sale" on **Saturday, Jan. 9** from 1 to 4 p.m. at the sale site next to the Totem Pole in the McKinleyville Shopping Center. They'll

have loads of new arrivals and fun, rainy day reading options for the entire family. Popular book categories include non-fiction treasures in healthcare, pet care, child rearing, relationship building, spirituality, biographies, golfing and music, to name a few. If fiction is your passion, many hardcover and paperback books are available, including mysteries, romance, and fantasy. There will also be an excellent selection of children's books from infants to middle school age. All proceeds support projects and programs at the McKinleyville Library. Book donations welcome at the site on sale day so consider the library when making room on your book shelf. Space and other considerations prevent us from accepting all donations.

ACTION PAINTING Spill, slap and splatter paint as you explore abstract art through action painting during Family Arts Day at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka on **Saturday, Jan. 9** at 2 p.m. Prepare to have a lot of fun and get a little messy. This Family Arts Day is sponsored by Eureka Pediatrics and is included with regular admission to the museum: \$5/\$2 for seniors and students/free for children and members. (707) 442-0278 ext. 202, janine@humboldtarts.org.

HORROR PUNK Humboldt Free Radio

presents Kill Matilda (horror punk from Toronto) at The Alibi, 744 Ninth St., Arcata, **Saturday, Jan. 9** at 11 p.m. There is a \$5 cover for this 21 and over show.

TRIBAL BELLYDANCE Tribal Oasis performs family-friendly folkloric tribal bellydance at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka, for Afternoon of Dance on **Sunday, Jan 10** at 2 p.m. This performance is supported by Threadbare Dancewear and is included with regular museum admission.

IRISH/CELTIC MUSIC Lovers and players of Irish music are invited to the Open Irish/Celtic Music Session on **Sunday, Jan. 10** from 3 to 6 p.m. at Gallagher's Irish Pub & Restaurant at Second and C streets in Old Town Eureka. Seabury Gould hosts this informal gathering; tunes and songs and all ages are welcome. Slow play starts at 3 p.m. and the tempo picks up at 4 p.m. Play or just enjoy the music & conviviality. Admission is free. The session takes place the second Sunday of each month. seaburygould.com

SANCTUARY Are you spiritual but unsure about joining a church? Do you wonder if becoming part of a church community would deepen your faith? Discuss these questions at a unique worship service at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1675 Ches-

ter Ave. in Sunny Brae, on **Sunday, Jan. 10** at 4 p.m. The one-hour service begins with a light meal served family style and conversation centered on the topic of the evening. Toward the end of the meal a discussion-oriented sermon is presented on this topic, after which participants are led by music into a candle-lit worship space for closing prayers. (707) 822-4102, officesec@stalbansarcata.org

AT THE LIGHTHOUSE GRILL Dee Hemingway and Eric Hann perform at the Lighthouse Grill in Saunders Shopping Center, Trinidad, **Sunday, Jan. 10** at 5 p.m.

AMERICA'S STANCE ON CRIME The treatment of criminals in America will be explored at Lifetree Café on **Sunday, Jan. 10** at 7 p.m. The program, titled "Tough on Crime," includes a film featuring Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Maricopa County, Ariz, who has been praised and criticized for his treatment of prisoners. His jail prepares just two low-cost meals per day, restricts television viewing, places inmates in desert tents and requires prisoners to wear pink underwear. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at Campbell Creek Connexion on the corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata. (707) 672-2919, bobdipert@hotmail.com, lifetreecafe.com

	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6	THURSDAY, JAN. 7	FRIDAY, JAN. 8	SATURDAY, JAN. 9	SUNDAY, JAN. 10	MONDAY, JAN. 11	TUESDAY, JAN. 12
CALENDAR	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night	7:30 p.m. Ocean Night	8 p.m. • <i>Raiders of the Lost Ark</i> (1981)		6 p.m. <i>Robin Hood</i> (1973)	5:15 p.m. College Football	
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake		9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. Miracle Show	9 p.m. Gumbostew	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	all day Free pool		9 p.m. Nighthawk	9 p.m. • Christina D'Alessandro & The Northcoasters	8 p.m. Karaoke w/DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. Karaoke w/DJ Marv
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata			No music at Humbrews this week				
	The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	10 p.m. • Whomp Whomp Wednesday		8 p.m. MF House				8 p.m. Comedy Night
	Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata		7 p.m. Claire Bent	6 p.m. Duncan Burgess	7 p.m. RLA Trio			7 p.m. Buddy Reed
	Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake			9 p.m. Kingfoot	9 p.m. The Undercovers	6 p.m. Potluck dinner	all day Free pool	all day Ping pong
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	all day CLOSED	6 p.m. Silver Hammer	6 p.m. No Covers	6 p.m. Honky Tonk Detours			6 p.m. ATF Trio
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. Piet Dalmolen		8 p.m. Holus Bolus			
	Richards' Goat 401 I St., Arcata	6:30 p.m. <i>James White</i>	6:30 p.m. <i>James White</i>	6:30 p.m. <i>James White</i>	4 p.m. <i>James White</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>The Messenger</i>	4 p.m. <i>James White</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>The Messenger</i>	6:30 p.m. <i>James White</i> 9 p.m. Spliffrax	5:30 p.m. <i>James White</i>
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville		9 p.m. Opera Alley Cats	9 p.m. • Chris Parreira & Rosalind Parducci		8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. Karaoke with DJ Marv	

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Time to say goodbye to Trinidad Library's Kenzie Mullen, who retired late last year, having read to hundreds of Trinidad's children and having checked out thousands of biographies, bestsellers, classics, potboilers, mysteries, romances, histories, how-to guides, travel tips, books on tape, books on compact disc, movies and music for three decades.

Kenzie will be honored by Friends of the Trinidad Library (FOTL) and the community on Saturday, Jan. 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. in Town Hall. Everyone is welcome, including all students, past and present, who have enjoyed stories and arts and crafts days and music at the library. Bring a plate of treats to share and your whole family. FOTL President Essence Torres is guiding the planning. Email her at essenceofhum-boldt@yahoo.com for information.

Accessories with Neckties
Spring Garrett will be guest speaker on the topic "Accessories with Neckties," at Trinidad Civic Club's Thursday, Jan. 7 meeting at the Club Room in Town Hall.

Donna Haddock and Liz Thatcher will preside at the business meeting starting at 10 a.m. The program will commence at 11 a.m. Hostesses will be Janine Volkmar and Dee Hemingway. Members, prospective members and guests are welcome.

Winter in Westhaven
Trinidad Art Nights organizers present Winter in Westhaven on Friday, Jan. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Westhaven Center for the Arts, 501 South Westhaven Dr. The fundraising event, with a \$5 admission fee (children admitted at no charge), will highlight elements familiar to attendees of Trinidad Art Nights, including fire dancing by Circus of the Elements, 1920s jazz standards by the Mad River Rounders, old time banjo tunes with Tim Breed and his father, George Breed, poetry by Janine Volkmar and more. There will be children's craft tables plus food and wine from Moonstone Crossing. Call

(707) 502-5737 for information on the event or to contribute money or talent to Trinidad Art Nights.

Figuratively Speaking at WCA
The gallery at Westhaven Center for the Arts (WCA) hosts an opening reception on Sunday, Jan. 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. for "Figuratively Speaking," an exhibit showcasing art from the figure drawing sessions at Stewart Studio in Arcata. Artists with diverse backgrounds from HSU students to art professors will have their latest work on view. Refreshments will be available. The gallery is open Friday through Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Call (707) 677-9493 for information.

Hemingway & Hann
Live music on Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m. at Light-house Grill in Saunders Plaza continues on Jan. 10 with vocalist Dee Hemingway and guitarist Eric Hann performing. Tony Roach will entertain on Jan. 17 followed by JD Jeffries on Jan. 24.

Generations of fine musicians
The Weiss-Copple, Morris, Kibbe and Chandler families are familiar to classical concertgoers in Trinidad and Humboldt County. It is heartening to hear the next generation take to the concert stage. Kira Weiss playing cello, Anna Morris playing violin along with Sasha Chandler and Peter Kibbe on cello joined an ensemble of symphony, chamber ensemble and orchestra veteran players and composers at a Holy Trinity concert the weekend after Christmas.

The younger players came from Baltimore, Denver and Eugene to play with the larger family of musicians, including Vanessa and Michael Kibbe, Erika Blackwell, Karen Davey, Julie Fulkerson, Holly MacDonald, Don Morris and Kit Morris. Music by Michael Kibbe, Franz Joseph Haydn, John Lennon, Paul McCartney and George Friedrich Handel filled the church with beautiful melodies.

Alphabet Baroque Club
The Alphabet Baroque Club (ABC) holds a benefit concert at Holy Trinity Church Sunday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. Soprano and thespian Eileen Morris joins the ABC for a program of music that invokes flora and fauna, pieces from the early to late baroque about lilies, butterflies, swans, cats, dogs, owls, frogs and nightingales! In addition to major pieces by composers Biber (beaver), Leonarda (lions), Buxtehude and Handel, the ABC has programmed delightful shorter pieces by Purcell, Frescobaldi, Couperin and Banchieri, among others.

Holy Trinity Church of Trinidad turns 142 years old this year. Funds raised are used for paint, roofing and raccoon attic barriers. The current goal is to create and build doors to add an important restorative touch.

A reception will follow the afternoon concert. Holy Trinity Church is located on Hector Street one block from the Trinidad Memorial Light House. Call (707) 845-1125 to reserve a seat. A \$15 donation is suggested.

Headed to Ashland, Ore.?
Quilters and creative sewers remember fabric expert Sandi Globus and her Ocean Wave Quilts, which kept seamstresses busy for over a decade at her shop on Trinity Street, which Trinidad Day Spa occupies today. Sandi sold Ocean Wave Quilts and the shop is still running in Eureka.

But Sandi started her Fabric of Vision fabric and quilting business in Ashland and made another business, across the street from Ashland Shakespeare Festival venues, a success. Many of her old Trinidad customers drove to Oregon for her fabrics, quilting retreats and lessons (and to hear Shakespeare).

But at last, Sandi is retiring and holding a going-out-of-business Sale of fabrics, fixtures and samples this month. If you'd like to say goodbye to Sandi in Ashland, it takes fewer than four hours to make the drive. Email her at fabricofvision@yahoo.com.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

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Pumpernickel is at her happiest when outside; she loves exploring, but she always comes home. And if there is ever a time when she doesn't, we at Companion Animal Foundation can help. Any animals that are adopted through us are eligible for our Home Again Chips.

For just \$25, an extra small minichip is inserted between the shoulder blades of your pet. This chip is considerably smaller in size than the usual microchips, which makes it more comfortable for the animal to receive. The cost includes lifetime registration, and there are additional membership services included for free for the first year, but it's up to you if you want these additional services in the future. Most rescue groups, all veterinarians and animal control have a universal scanner. The scanner is typically used on every animal that enters our businesses or groups and it is a huge relief to locate a microchip with current online information.

So worry not, future owner of the lovely and spirited Pumpernickel – you will be able to let your new lady friend explore to her heart's content. But first, you have to come down and meet her!

All of the adoptable animals at CAF have been spayed, treated for parasites and are up-to-date on their vaccines. If you want to learn about Pumpernickel and our Home Again microchips, give us a call at (707) 826-7387 or visit the thrift store at 88 Sunny Brae Center in Arcata after Jan. 14, as we will be closed for the first part of January for cleaning. You can also email cafanimals@gmail.com, visit cafanimals.org, or check out Companion Animal Foundation on Facebook.

Dear crossword aficionados,

In an effort to reduce confusion among the production staff and in response to popular demand, the *Union* shall henceforth run the solution to the crossword in the same edition as the puzzle. Thank you for your understanding.

– Scene editor

These mid-size dogs want to bring Max Joey to your world

Happy New Year! Here's hoping that 2016 is a great year for all of you, and a wonderful, adoption-filled year for all of our dogs!

At this writing, the shelter is starting to fill up again, though quite a few dogs came in over New Year's Eve and haven't had a chance to be claimed yet. Did you know that if your dog is wearing contact info (or a current license) or is microchipped, Animal Control officers will try to return them to their home instead of impounding them?

We also see an awful lot of unaltered animals coming in to the shelter. Not only does it cost more to bail these dogs out, but their unaltered status also makes them way more likely to wander. There are quite a few local organizations that will assist with the cost of spay and neuter and we hope that spaying/neutering tops the list of New Year's resolutions for pet owners everywhere! It breaks my heart when I get calls about litters of unwanted or abandoned puppies (and there have been a lot of those calls lately). Thanks to all of the responsible animal lovers out in reader land!

In happier news, here's a friendly fellow looking for his forever home. Joey is a young male dog, about 1 year old. He is an intelligent dog with a cheerful disposition.

Joey loves to get out for a game of fetch, though what he really likes is a good play session with one of his buddies. He has been a playmate to a large variety of dogs, but most of his regular pals have moved on to adop-

tive homes over the holidays.

Joey would love to go to a home of his own also. If that home had another dog for him to play with, he'd be very happy, but he is also quite loyal to his regular walkers and would bond well with a new and loving owner.

Joey is quite handsome with his brindle coat and his dark eyes and muzzle. Out in the grass, he is almost camouflaged! He definitely has some Pit Bull terrier in him, but there are other breeds also. Dutch Shepherd maybe?

Joey is not all that big – probably around 50 pounds. Joey is neutered, microchipped and current on vaccinations. He is waiting at the Humboldt County Animal shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. More info is available at (707) 840-9132.

Redwood Pals Rescue has a cute Queensland Heeler available for adoption. Max is about 2 years old and 35 to 40 pounds. The person who found him had him overnight at his house and said he was just fine with the other dogs in the home.

Max has some training on board. He walks nicely on the leash and knows a few commands. He arrived at the shelter with a nasty bite to one leg and wasn't too thrilled to be touched, between the injury, being uprooted and scared, and the cone of shame ... Now that his injury is healed, he is an easy dog to be around. He seems to be a fairly typical Heeler; he's smart and agile and loves to chase a ball! He is a nice size for someone looking for a smaller dog. If you would like to meet Max, please contact us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or call (707) 839-9692.



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5. Part of a loaf
10. Male animal
14. Parts of intestines
15. Allude
16. Sticky strip
17. Plant part
18. Reverse
19. Actress Moran
20. Ornamental tufts
22. Noble
24. Trauma ctrs.
25. Military award, often
26. British metric unit
29. Contraction
30. Narrow candle
34. Bustles
35. Curé d'___; St. John Vianney
36. Use a Kindle
37. ___ favor; polite Spaniard's phrase
38. Foot problem
40. Mailman's beat: abbr.
41. Part of the foot
43. Suffix for class and cheer
44. Observes
45. Bar seat
46. Word with Red or White
47. Cubic meter
48. City in Italy
50. Brief life history
51. Unusual
54. Heavy, prolonged attack
58. Sandwich cookie
59. More positive
61. Beverage
62. Ludicrous
63. Occupation
64. Ms. Adams
65. Says no more
66. Look of contempt
67. High society misses

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1. Thin strand
2. Singing voice
3. Appear
4. Baby items
5. Stuffs
6. Ruby and scarlet
7. Eerie saucer, for short
8. Strong fabrics
9. ___ water; keep afloat
10. Outstanding
11. Skater Lipinski
12. Neat as ___
13. Mannerly man
21. Gold or copper
23. In a while
25. Rural church
26. ___ lazuli
27. "Frankly, my dear, ___."
28. Incomplete sculpture
29. Prefix for pod or cycle
31. Make baby food
32. Organic compound
33. Pee Wee ___
35. Part of a European range
36. ___ person; apiece
38. Misrepresent
39. Okla.'s neighbor
42. Old word for athletic girls
44. Raged
46. One of the planets
47. Male title
49. Continues
50. Plainier
51. Leak out
52. Tarkenton or Drescher
53. ___ off; resist
54. Venerable historian
55. Helpmate
56. Insincerely smooth
57. ___ out a living; gets by
60. "___ Rae"; film for Sally Field

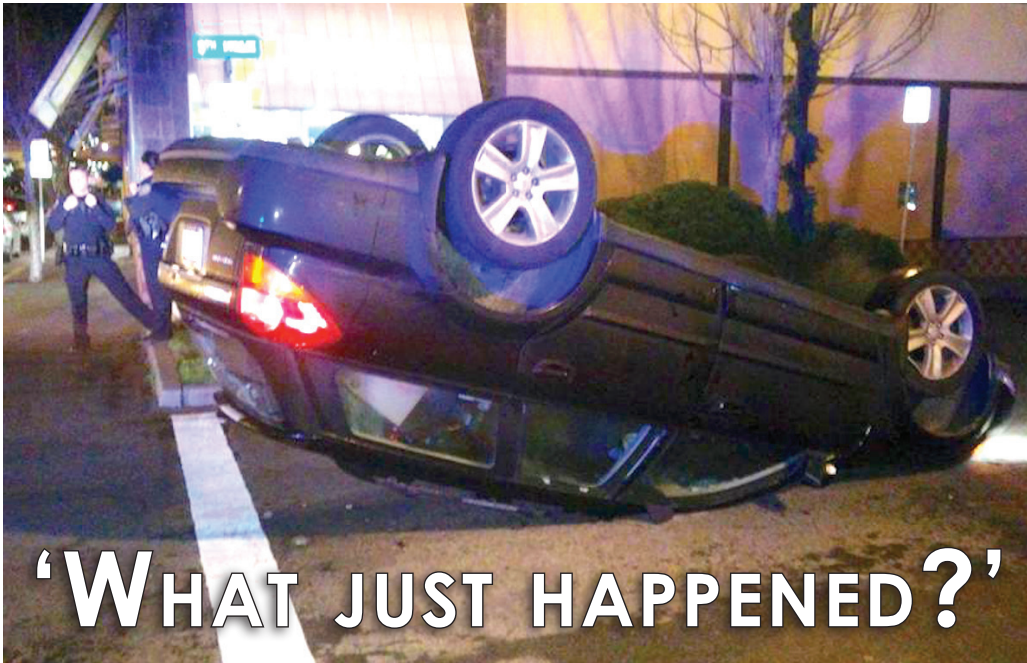
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‘WHAT JUST HAPPENED?’

ROLLIN’ ON THE PLAZA It was New Year’s Eve eve, Dec. 30, when nocturnal nosherers at Café Brio beheld the sight of a slow-speed rollover accident at Eighth and G streets on the Plaza. Witness James Morrison said he heard a “small noise,” then looked up to see an SUV tipping itself over in “the slowest [accident] I have ever seen.” Police later said the driver was traveling eastbound in the 800 block of Eighth Street. When he crossed G Street, he did not realize the roadway condensed into one lane and struck the planter and statue base. Alcohol wasn’t involved, and the driver wasn’t cited or arrested. Apparently the vehicle drove over the curb at just the right angle to totally topple the cute-utility vehicle. “The guy crawled out on the passenger side,” Morrison said. “He was all, ‘What just happened?’” Three passersby tried to upright the topsy-turvy, tortoise-like SUV, but to no avail. It was later righted and towed.

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Don’t trespass in the Kneeland snow

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

KNEELAND – The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office would like to remind those looking for fun in the snow that Kneeland is all private property.

The Sheriff’s Office has received numerous complaints about people leaving their trash and damaging the landscape while on private property. The property owners are left with the responsibility to clean up after trespassers.

The United States Forest Service has public property available for people to enjoy. Remember to remove all belongings, including trash that was brought with you. Deputies will be conducting extra patrol checks in this area and may issue citations to individuals trespassing on private property.

To report trespassing or any other incident, contact the Sheriff’s Office at (707) 445-7251 or leave an anonymous tip at (707) 268-2539.

Letter intercept stops scammer from ripping off 92-year-old lady for \$500

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

HUMBOLDT – On Thursday, Dec. 17 a Humboldt County Community Service Officer (CSO) contacted a 92-year-old female victim of a mail scam.

The victim stated she received a letter mailed to her residence by an unknown subject stating if she sent them \$500 then they would send her \$795,000.

The victim spoke with the suspect by phone, then mailed the \$500 to an address in Sacramento. She later showed the letter to a friend.

The victim’s friend told her the letter was a scam and to contact the Sheriff’s Office.

The CSO contacted the United States Postal Service and advised them of the situation. A postal inspector stated they would try to recover the victim’s letter and return it to the Sheriff’s Office.

On Wednesday, Dec. 23, a U.S. postal inspector informed the CSO they had intercepted the victim’s letter and would mail it to the Sheriff’s Office. The letter was received by the Sheriff’s Office on Tuesday, Dec. 28, and the CSO returned the letter with the \$500 to the victim.

The Sheriff’s Office would like to remind the public not to send money to unknown persons and/or charities.

If a letter is suspicious in nature, please contact your local U.S. Postal Service or visit their website postalinspectors.uspis.gov/contactus/filecomplaint.aspx.

Infant severely injured in 101 crash

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

ORICK – On the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 30 at approximately 10:50 p.m., 25-year-old Brittany Campbell of Sacramento was driving her 2011 Dodge pickup on U.S. Highway 101 northbound south of Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway. The highway was wet, but the weather was clear.

For reasons still under investigation, Campbell allowed her vehicle to cross over the southbound lanes of U.S. Highway 101, where it ran off the west edge of the highway and collided with a tree.

Campbell’s passengers were her two children, a 1-month-old infant and a 2-year-old child. The 2-year-old child was in the rear seat properly restrained in a child passenger safety seat. The 1-month-old was in the rear seat in a properly installed child safety seat appropriate for the child’s age, but the infant was not properly buckled into the seat.

Upon impact with the tree, the infant was ejected from the pickup and sustained major injuries including head and facial trauma.

All three were transported to Mad River Community Hospital in Arcata. Campbell, who had not been wearing her seatbelt, complained of pain only. The 2-year-old was uninjured. The infant was transported to an out-of-area children’s hospital with major injuries.

The highway was not closed, DUI was not suspected to be a factor. This collision remains under investigation.

The Sheriff’s Office is now on Twitter

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office Communications Center (aka Dispatch), is now on Twitter.

The Communications Center will tweet critical incidents, major road closures and public safety advisories.

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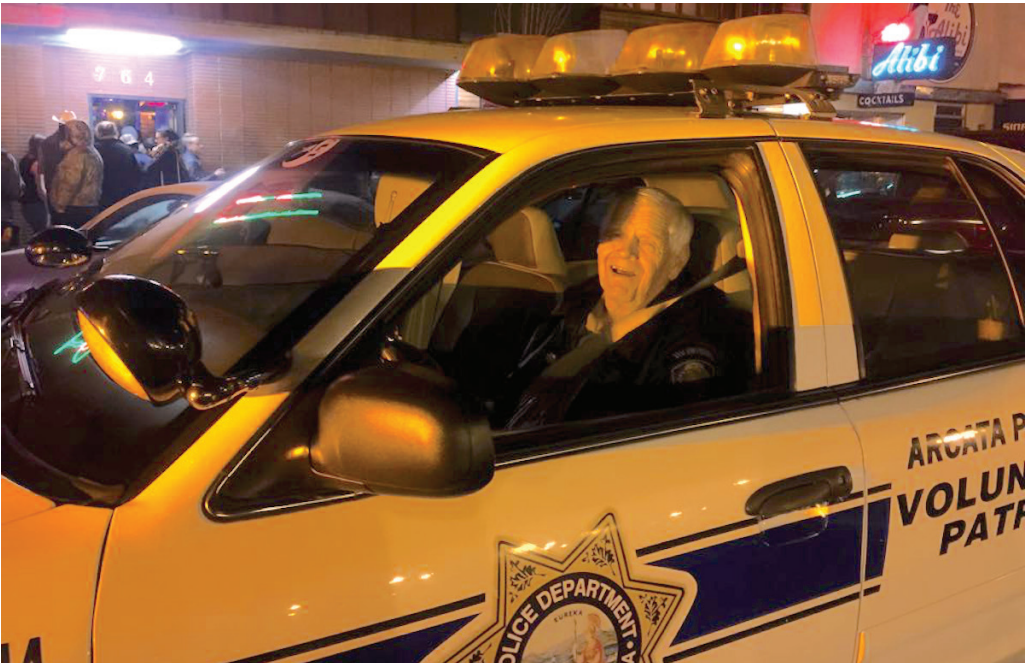
The Sheriff’s Office and Office of Emergency Services are also on Twitter.

Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office Twitter accounts include:

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HUMBOLDT GROWN The estimated gross value of Humboldt County’s agricultural commodities was \$269,310,000 in 2014, an increase of approximately 6 percent over 2012’s production values. The most notable increases were in the value of agriculture and livestock products. The county’s leading non-cannabis commodities in 2014 were listed by the agriculture commissioner as Timber Production and Livestock, \$72,520,000; Milk and Milk Products Nursery Stock, \$76,921,000; Field Crops, \$61,889,000; Fruit and Nut Crops, \$49,811,000; and Vegetable Crops, \$ 1,427,000.

– Humboldt County Ag Commissioner



PAUL ON PATROL Other than occasional impulse-control breakdowns and nimrod imbroglios, downtown was relatively calm on New Year’s Eve. No coincidence that Arcata Police Community Volunteer Paul Wilson was making the rounds that night.

A lot of revelry, just a little bit of dingbat-upheavalry on the Plaza for New Year’s

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – All was calm, all was relatively bright – with the exception of a few bad behaviors – under a 59 percent waning gibbous moon New Year’s Eve 2015/2016.

That is, until a man unlikely to be described with either of those first two terms chugged furtively deployed or activated. He was arrested on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest.

APD made its presence known downtown, mingling and meandering about the shadowy byways, but not acting as a semi-paramilitary occupation force, which never goes over very well with the public.

Officers were aware of ties – one in Westwood and another in Sunny Brae, had drawn them away from the downtown. The downtown, officers observed, wasn’t even as active as an average Saturday night.

One other fairly high-profile incident led Tavern Row to be bathed in the flashing lights of emergency vehicles, including police cruisers, a fire truck



THE MORNING AFTER McKinley weathered another year, and New Year, unmolested – though some locally hope this is one of his last years gazing westward o’er the Plaza. Other than the partially deconstructed chair seen on page A1, Plaza-area aftermath was limited to minor litter and some sort of olivepocalypse out behind Café Brio.

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down the darkened alley connecting H Street to I Street.

His uncertain journey was soon interrupted amid flashing colored lights and at least one hand-held rural-electrification device, fortunately unused.

There, on the pavement of I Street, was where the first arrest of the night took place, with an as-yet unidentified man being subdued, debriefed and prepared for a trip to the Pink House.

The man was first overheard “whooping and hollering” outside the Open Door Clinic on 10th Street, according to Sgt. Keith Altizer. He allegedly charged the officer, then fled down H Street.

Pursuing officers picked up a Leatherman multi-tool the man had flung aside, according to APD Watch Commander Sgt. Ron Sligh. The instrument’s diminutive knife blade had been extended but not used.

The suspect ran at an irregular trajectory down the alley, blundered around the corner, headed south on I Street and fell immediately into the waiting arms of APD personnel, intercepted within seconds from all sides by officers on foot and in police cars. He offered no resistance, and dropped to the pavement with hands extended behind his back under gleaming headlights.

Officer Audrey Sterrett held the man at Taser point as he was cuffed, then interviewed and prepared for transport to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. The Taser was not



events at regional venues that drew away celebrants, but anticipated surges of revelry as midnight approached and when the bars closed at 2 a.m.

As with last year, the Plaza was un-barricaded. The city’s McKinley-encircling portable sets of steel bars, still used every Halloween, were last deployed on a New Year’s Eve in 2013/14.

The barricades were mistakenly set out in loose formation around the center statue area by city Parks Dept. workers Thursday morning, but had been withdrawn by noon.

Police Chief Tom Chapman said that, as with last year, Arcata had to decide for itself whether it could respect its downtown without a police line around the Plaza’s center.

“It’s time to pull back and see if people can be responsible adults,” Chapman said.

On New Year’s Eve, the controversial statue was protected only by a frosty wooden chair of unknown provenance.

Officers on duty said that a couple of large par-

and an ambulance.

A woman who said a man had taken liberties with her bashed her alleged assailant over the head with a bottle, then fled. The man suffered a head laceration and was ambulated to Mad River Community Hospital for treatment. The woman was not located.

New Year’s Eve resulted in a total of four arrests, three for public intoxication.

“New Year’s Eve was quite enjoyable and it appeared that everyone enjoyed themselves responsibly, which is our goal from a public safety standpoint,” said APD Lt. Bart Silvers.

Morning found the Plaza tidy and frosty. Where last year had seen the appearance of a few discarded party favors – a paper hat and horn – this year saw only the usual carpet of cigarette butts along the sidewalk in front of the bars.

One minor catastrophe involved the spillage of artisanal olives behind Café Brio. No suspects have been identified in connection with the olivepocalypse.

OBITUARIES

John Anderson Campbell

March 27, 1957 – Dec. 22, 2015

John Anderson Campbell died quietly in his home during winter solstice. After a lifelong relationship/battle with alcohol, his liver failed and his body followed soon after.

John lived his life his way, never married or had kids. He had a “live for the day” attitude. Kind, fun, smart, witty, handsome as all get out and sexy, according to the small but steady stream of beautiful partners he shared life with. A man of mystery, he loved spy and thriller books and movies, particularly “Bond, James Bond.” Some of his favorite things were: listening to music on good speakers or live, fishing, golfing and playing poker with his long-time buddies (you guys know who you are). Cooking and grilling for himself and others also made him happy, he could really spice it up!

“Keep it simple” was an unspoken motto for him, so let’s do that now: remember to keep it simple and live for now – he would like that. Then, when you hit a golf ball, eat something spicy or enjoy a warm beach, stop and for a second think, “Ahh, John would have loved this!” and you will be right.

His sisters, their spouses and children, Larry Crabb, Joanna Donat and all who love him will miss his magnanimous presence. Ten four, Roger wilco, over and out good buddy!

There will be a gathering on Sunday, March 27 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Trinidad Town Hall to remember John. Food and drinks will be served; please join us if you like.



James Stephen Stutsman

Aug. 3, 1964 – Dec. 12, 2015



and Humboldt State University to study music.

After college, he spent his adult years in Eureka playing music, which he started in high school. His tenure in the musical industry made him one of the VERY BEST bass players and vocalists in Humboldt County all the way through parts of Oregon. He was loved by everyone not just because of his music but also for his smile and his kind and giving personality; he was always ready to give someone a helping hand when needed.

He was predeceased by his older brother Wayne at a very early age, followed by his sister Lara Van Dongen in 2012, and then his parents Connie and Dr. Edward Barthold in early 2014. James is survived by his sisters Christine Ryland, Leslie Stepp and Holly Sichel, his brothers Gordon Ringold and Jeff Ringold, nieces, nephews and grandniece (Elin Rose) whom he was looking forward to meeting someday, his “big brother” Marvin Holtzberg and his fiancée Liza Enriquez. He also had many friends who loved him just as much; when he was away from his family, his long list of friends in his hometown of Eureka – primarily Bruce Briscoe, Darria Paquin, Don Wilson and Shannon Warner – were very close to him and he treated them just like his own brothers and sister. We will dearly miss him and his love and compassion as our hearts heal from the loss of an amazing person we loved.

Upon his request, there will be no funeral services. A memorial Celebration of James Stutsman’s Life will be held at Bear River Casino, at a date yet to be announced.

PERILOUS PLUNGE Individuals and/or teams can now register for the Discovery Museum’s 15th annual Perilous Plunge, which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 10 a.m.

The Perilous Plunge is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Redwood Discovery Museum. It involves individuals gathering pledges for the museum, dressing up in costumes, parading down F Street in Eureka and showing their support by jumping into the frigid waters of Humboldt Bay at the foot of F Street. Each year, over 100 “Plungers” participate and compete for titles including best team jump, best costume and the coveted King and Queen titles.

“It is our 15th year and we expect it will be our biggest year yet especially with the Bear River Casino joining us as a partnering sponsor and the move to our new location in August,” said Executive Director Sarah Reid.

Individuals over 18 years of age can register on their own or as part of a team to collect pledges towards the \$150 goal and take part in Beach Party, Plunge and VIP tent.

Register online at *perilous-plunge.com*, by picking up an application at the Discovery Museum at Sixth and G streets in Eureka, or by calling (707) 443-9694 and requesting an application.

discovery-museum.org



FIND PEANUT Rescue dog Peanut went missing in the Pickett/Timothy/Babler area of McKinleyville on Dec. 23. He is a gray-tan brindle dog with a white blaze on his chest and was last seen wearing a flat red collar with a tag that says “Pedro,” a prong collar and dragging his purple leash. A reward is offered. Call (707) 633-6340, (707) 599-2951 or (707) 672-9947. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

15-00695

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

(1) **ARCATA REAL ESTATE SERVICES**
(2) **NORTH COAST PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**
791 8TH STREET SUITE 14
ARCATA, CA 95521
NORTH COAST REAL ESTATE
791 8TH STREET SUITE 14
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: A Corporation
S/DARRELL BURLISON, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 11, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
M. MORRIS DEPUTY
12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 1/6

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

15-00698

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

KAYAK ZAK'S
115336 HIGHWAY 101
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
JOHN B. CALLAHAN
2606 MYRTLE AVE.
EUREKA, CA 95501
BRANCE C. MICHAELSON
1720 HUFFORD RD.
ORICK, CA 95555
ANTHONY M. DIAZ
2606 MYRTLE AVE.
EUREKA, CA 95501
This business is conducted by: A General Partnership
S/JOHN CALLAHAN, GENERAL PARTNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 11, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
S. CARNS DEPUTY
12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

15-00680

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

ADVANCED SECURITY SYSTEMS
1336 FOURTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
PETRUSHA ENTERPRISES, INC. D1601678
1336 FOURTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
This business is conducted by: A Corporation
S/CHARLES PETRUSHA, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 2, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS

12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

15-00681

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

EASY CALL
1336 FOURTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
PETRUSHA ENTERPRISES, INC. D1601678
1336 FOURTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
This business is conducted by: A Corporation
S/CHARLES PETRUSHA, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 2, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
A.ABRAM DEPUTY
12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

15-00699

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

HUMBOLDT GARDENING
1675 MURRAY RD.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
P.O. BOX 817
ARCATA, CA 95521
JOEL C. DALLAS
1675 MURRAY RD.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/JOEL DALLAS, MR. DALLAS - OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 14, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
M. MORRIS DEPUTY
12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

15-00704

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

JOHNSTON DESIGN
2366 GOLF COURSE RD.
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
P.O. BOX 702
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
2366 GOLF COURSE RD.
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
2366 GOLF COURSE RD.
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
This business is conducted by: A Married Couple
S/JUDY ARNONOFF CO - OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 16, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
A.ABRAM DEPUTY

12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

15-00706

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

HUMBOLDT HARVEST FARMS 3816323
2355 CENTRAL AVE. #123
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
HUMBOLDT HARVEST FARMS 3816323
2355 CENTRAL AVE. #123
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by: A Corporation
S/ESTHER BENEMANN CEO/PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 17, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
M. MORRIS DEPUTY
12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

15-00721

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

POSITIVE CHANGE
425 TANGLEWOOD RD.
ARCATA, CA 95521
DYLAN R. LIVINGEARTH
425 TANGLEWOOD RD.
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/DYLAN R. LIVINGEARTH, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 23, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
S. CARNS DEPUTY
12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

15-00711

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MOUNTAIN MOBILE PRESSURE WASH
110 ENCHANTED LANE
WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573
P.O. BOX 1521
WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573
TRINA M. CARDOZA
110 ENCHANTED LANE
WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573
STEVE C. WILSON
110 ENCHANTED LANE
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This business is conducted by: A General Partnership
S/TRINA CARDOZA, GENERAL PARTNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 21, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
Z. HALMAN DEPUTY
12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20

ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

15-00697

County of original filing: **HUMBOLDT**

Date of Original Filing: 1/13/06

File No. R-1400261

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

KAYAK ZAK'S
115336 HWY 101
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
P.O. BOX 68
ORICK, CA 95555
MARNA A. POWELL
1720 HUFFORD RD.
ORICK, CA 95555
MICHAEL T. POWELL
1720 HUFFORD RD.
ORICK, CA 95555
This business is conducted by: A Married Couple
S/MARNA POWELL, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 11, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
Z. HALMAN DEPUTY
12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

15-00720

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

TRILLIUM ACADEMY
1666 27TH ST.
ARCATA, CA 95521
KAITAN N. TRIPALDI
1666 27TH ST.
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/KAITAN TRIPALDI, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 22, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
A. ABRAM DEPUTY
1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

15-00702

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

R.E. INVESTMENT SOLUTIONS
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KYLE GREGORY BOUGHTON
1899 11TH ST.
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/KYLE GREGORY BOUGHTON, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 15, 2015

1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONALD ROGER PERKINS

CASE NO.: PR140257

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: DONALD R. PERKINS

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: RAN-

DALL B. VASQUEZ in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: RANDALL B. VASQUEZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: January 21, 2016

Time: 2:00 PM

Dept.: 8

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your

objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner: RANDALL B. VASQUEZ

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act (Bus. Prop. Code Ss 21700-21716). The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 19th day of JANUARY 2016 at 9 a.m. Bud's Mini Storage, 1180 5th St., Arcata (corner of 5th and K).

#24 John Wright

#127 Patricia Young

#132 Nick Dierocco

#153 Alphonso Pusie

#226 Tara Cervanies

#239 Tara Cervanies

#246 Kenneth Hanks

1/6, 1/13

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR 2016 ARCATA POLICE DEPARTMENT REMODEL

The City of Arcata is soliciting bids for a public building remodel project.

Department Estimate \$60,000 - \$120,000

The WORK includes, but is not limited to, furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, incidentals and performing all work required to provide an accessible restroom for use by dispatch personnel, modify the copy room to allow space for the dispatch restroom, provide a kitchenette for the Dispatch area, provide an accessible north office entrance, reconfigure the Front Office Workspace, reconfigure the Lobby and relocate LiveScan station, add 2 new private offices in existing open office space and add shore power for the Portable Emergency Command Center. Contract documents call for a Base Bid and three Alternate Bids.

A MANDATORY pre-bid meeting and site walk will be held on Friday, January 15, 2016 in the City of Arcata City Hall Council Chamber, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA, beginning at 9:30 AM. General Contractors are required to attend to bid on this work. A representative for each contractor must sign in at the pre-bid meeting to prove attendance. Persons arriving after the meeting start time will not be accepted as attendees. Bids received from contractors who did not attend the pre-bid meeting will be returned unopened. Access to the APD is limited. Major subcontractors are encouraged to attend.

Sealed bids will be received until Thursday, January 21, 2016 @ 2:00 PM at the office of the City Manager, 736 F St, Arcata, CA 95521, at which time they will be transferred to the City Council Chamber where they will be publicly opened and read aloud by

representatives of the City. Said bids will be referred to the Arcata City Council for consideration at a regularly scheduled meeting on or after Wednesday, February 3, 2016

CONTRACTOR shall possess a Class "B" license at the time this contract is bid or a combination of classes required by the categories and type of work included in this contract.

This CONTRACT is subject to State contract non-discrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND PROPOSAL forms for bidding this PROJECT can be obtained at the office of the City Manager, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521, [Contact Property and Special Projects Manager - Cliff Poulton (707) 825-2

FLIGHT FANTASTIC



FANTASTIC A Cassowary

PHOTO BY DAVID PRICE

FANTASTIC BIRDS OF NEW GUINEA Join the Redwood Region Audubon Society on **Friday, Jan. 8** for a free presentation titled “The Fantastic Birds of New Guinea” by David Price. New Guinea is well known for a dizzying diversity of birds that are found only on that island. From the mesmerizing breeding displays of the Birds of Paradise to the stunning stature of Cassowaries, the birds of New Guinea have long fascinated bird watchers and scientists alike. David Price, a renowned bird watcher and photographer, will rely on his decades of experience in New Guinea to offer an exciting account of that country’s birds. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Eureka High School Lecture Hall at the corner of Humboldt and K streets, Eureka. Park in the lot at J and Humboldt – the Lecture Hall is to the left of the gym. Bring a mug to enjoy shade-grown coffee, and come fragrance-free.

WINTER RARITIES Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on a birding trip to look for “winter rarities” on **Saturday, Jan. 9**. Participants will start in Arcata and end in the Ferndale area, searching for rare bird species observed during the Arcata and Centerville Christmas Bird Counts. Of course, participants will also enjoy all the

other birds they see along the way. Most years the group sees 90 to 100 species! Contact leader Rob Fowler at (707) 839-3493 or migratoriusfwlr@gmail.com. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Arcata Marsh G Street parking lot. Bring lunch and dress warmly; expect to end around 4 p.m. Heavy rain cancels.

AUDUBON MARSH FIELD TRIP Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, Jan. 9**. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Jude Power in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

PAT’S POINT RESTORATION California State Parks invites the public to a restoration work day on **Saturday, Jan. 9** from 9 a.m. to noon at Patrick’s Point State Park. The restoration work day will involve the removal of invasive, non-native plants such as English ivy. Removing invasive non-native plants is a moderate activity and participants are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes for walking off trail. Gloves and tools are provided but feel free to bring your own. Work locations are less than a half-mile hike from the

LEADERS OF THE PAC



UNTRASHING THE MARSH The Pac Out Green Team didn’t rest on its laurels over the holidays. The day after Christmas, volunteers of all ages showed enduring environmental leadership by descending on the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, collecting and, yes, packing out some 1,500 pounds of trash. [facebook.com/groups/pacoutgreenteam](https://www.facebook.com/groups/pacoutgreenteam)

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meeting location. (707) 677-3109, Michelle.Forys@parks.ca.gov

DUNE RESTORATION Help restore the dune ecosystem on the Friends of the Dunes property on **Saturday, Jan. 9** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers will remove invasive plants to make room for native plant diversity. Tools, gloves and snacks will be provided. Please bring water and wear work clothes. Meet at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. For more information contact jess@friendsofthedunes.org or call (707) 444-1397.

NATURE STORY TIME Join Friends of the Dunes and naturalist Karen Mast for Nature Story Time at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center on **Saturday, Jan. 9** from 2 to 3 p.m. Geared for ages 3 to 6, story time will focus on the natural world and will be followed by a simple craft project. For more information or to reserve a space, call (707) 444-1397 or email info@friendsofthedunes.org.

FOAM MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, Jan. 9** at 2 p.m. Meet leader Leslie Anderson at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the birds, plants, and ecology of the

Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

EXPLORING PROTECTED AREAS Join Friends of the Dunes and the Northcoast Environmental Center for a guided walk “Exploring Protected Areas on Land and Sea” on **Saturday, Jan. 9** from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Ma-le’l Dunes Cooperative Management Area. Naturalist Carol Vander Meer, MPA Outreach Coordinator Delia Bense-Kang and California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Marine Environmental Scientist Elizabeth Pope will discuss the Samoa State Marine Conservation Area just offshore and participants will learn about the benefits of protected areas, both on land and under water. Meet at the BLM’s Ma-le’l Dunes South parking area, off of Young Lane in Manila. Reserve your space at (707) 444-1397 or info@friendsofthedunes.org.

AUDUBON HBNWR TRIP Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on **Sunday, Jan. 10** at the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. This is a wonderful, two- to three-hour trip for people wanting to learn the birds of the Humboldt Bay area. It takes a leisurely pace with an emphasis on enjoying the birds! Beginners are more than welcome. Meet at the Refuge Visitor Center at 9 a.m. (707) 822-3613

OUR OCEAN The HSU Natural History Museum, 1242 G St. in Arcata, hosts a lecture **Tuesday, Jan. 12** at 7 p.m. in the series, “Our Ocean.” Learn about Sea Star Wasting Disease and the ocean conditions that have influenced the delay in the crab season with Brian Tissot, director of the HSU Marine Lab. Donations appreciated. Warm drinks and goodies will be provided. (707) 826-4479, humboldt.edu/natmus

AUDUBON MEETING Redwood Region Audubon Society holds its monthly Conservation Meeting **Thursday, Jan. 14** at noon at the Golden Harvest Café, 1062 G St., Arcata. (707) 445-8311

AMIC HOURS CHANGE The Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center (AMIC), located within the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary near the parking lot on South G Street, will transition to its more limited winter schedule. The AMIC will be open Monday, noon to 2 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The AMIC offers guided bird walks, talks on wildlife and the environment, and interactive exhibits. The Nature Store is stocked with real bird calls; field guides for birds, plants, marine life, mammals and insects; as well as a variety of hats, T-shirts, and kids’ activities. (707) 822-8184

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